

Social and Human Service Assistants (21-1093)

Occupation description: Assist in providing client services in a wide variety of fields, such as psychology, rehabilitation, or social work, including support for families. May assist clients in identifying and obtaining available benefits and social and community services. May assist social workers with developing, organizing, and conducting programs to prevent and resolve problems relevant to substance abuse, human relationships, rehabilitation, or dependent care. Excludes "Rehabilitation Counselors" (21-1015), "Psychiatric Technicians" (29-2053), "Personal Care Aides" (39-9021), and "Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs" (43-4061).

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	1,137	1,352	18.9	22	26	48
United States	384,200	490,200	27.6	10,600	8,310	18,910

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is strong with very high employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	15.04	n/a	9.43	14.05	22.41
Alaska	16.92	18.01	19.10	12.32	17.22	25.54
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	16.86	18.53	20.20	12.40	18.52	26.12
Fairbanks North Star Borough (MSA)	13.88	15.12	16.36	12.03	13.81	21.46
Southeast Region	17.61	19.31	21.01	13.13	18.58	26.97
Balance of State	16.52	18.39	20.26	12.38	17.56	26.22

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
830	91	11.0	36.1	27.9

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	458
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	88
UI claimants previously working in occupation	141

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	1,521
Number of job position postings	1,020
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	1.5

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: High school diploma or equivalent

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: Short-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

	Degree
University of Alaska Anchorage	
Advanced Human Service Systems	GCRT
Conflict Resolution	OEC

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